

Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles

Introduction--Understanding the Information/How to Use these Profiles

Thank you for your interest in your community and state's oral health!

We hope that the Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles will promote further interest and effort in addressing the oral health needs of Arizona residents.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Office of Oral Health compiled the Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles from several sources having oral health information (see below). The information was compiled for 173 communities in Arizona. The section on each community also contains oral health information at the county and state level.

Users of the Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles may be:

- Community members and consumers of health care
- Elected state and local officials
- Health care professionals
- Community advocates and organizers, including coalitions

Information in the Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles can be used to:

- Determine an overall level of oral health for a specific area
- Provide information as part of a needs assessment or a planning process
- Discover oral health strengths, needs, and problems
- Bring community members together around issues of interest
- Identify changes over time
- To help allocate resources among alternate interventions
- Establish priorities among oral health problems or interventions
- Evaluate interventions directly or indirectly

Important! When reviewing the data...

The purpose of the Community Oral Health Profiles is not to validate data from each source, but to compile and present available information on oral health that could assist people in understanding and working with oral health issues. In some cases, data may be available only at the state level, or may not be representative of specific populations (for example, children in a particular school district). Please read the footnotes carefully to understand what the data does and does not represent. Please call the Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health at 602-542-1866 with any questions.

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ARIZONA COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH PROFILES

DEMOGRAPHICS	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
Population (a)	3,705	843,746	5,130,632
Children (a)			
0 - 4 years	5.1%	6.6%	7.5%
5 - 9 years	6.1%	7.0%	7.6%
10 - 14 years	6.3%	7.0%	7.4%
15 - 19 years	5.1%	7.4%	7.2%
Race (a)			
White	83.0%	77.8%	77.9%
Black or African American	0.6%	3.7%	3.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	9.7%	4.0%	5.7%
Asian	0.6%	2.7%	2.3%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Other	10.8%	15.1%	13.2%
Ethnicity (a)			
Hispanic	37.6%	29.3%	25.3%
Median Household Income (a)	\$25,618	\$36,758	\$40,558
Families with Income Below Poverty Level (a)	16.5%	10.5%	9.9%
Income (a)			
Population under 100% of FPL	NA	14.7%	13.9%
Population under 125% of FPL	NA	19.6%	18.7%
Population under 185% of FPL	NA	32.3%	30.8%
Population under 200% of FPL	NA	35.1%	33.5%
Unemployment Rate (a)	9.3%	5.3%	5.6%
ORAL HEALTH INDICATORS	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
Dental Health Status			
Infants 6 months - 24 months (b)			
with decay experience	NA	4%	5%
with untreated tooth decay	NA	4%	5%
with urgent treatment needs	NA	3%	3%
Toddlers 2 - 4 years (b)			
with decay experience	NA	35%	37%
with untreated tooth decay	NA	32%	33%
with urgent treatment needs	NA	5%	4%
Children 6 - 8 years (c)			
with decay experience	70%	64%	62%
with untreated tooth decay	56%	44%	40%
with urgent treatment needs	9%	7%	9%
with dental sealants (8 years)	7%	26%	28%

NA = Not Available/Not Applicable

ORAL HEALTH INDICATORS	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
Dental Health Status			
Adolescents 11 - 13 years (d)			
with decay experience	NA	62%	65%
with untreated tooth decay	NA	36%	32%
with urgent treatment needs	NA	5%	5%
with dental sealants	NA	10%	16%
Adults 35-44 years (e)			
Never lost a tooth due to disease	NA	62.0%	63.5%
Older Adults 60+ years (f)			
with untreated tooth decay	NA	39%	41%
with moderate to severe loose teeth	NA	15%	15%
with no molars for chewing	NA	9%	11%
with dental pain/infection	NA	15%	14%
with complete tooth loss (65-74 years) (e)	NA	15.1%	13.7%
People with Special Health Care Needs (g)			
with untreated tooth decay	NA	NA	25.50%
with injury	NA	NA	7.41%
with non-urgent treatment needs	NA	NA	29.66%
with urgent treatment needs	NA	NA	5.93%
with filled teeth	NA	NA	65.91%
with dental sealants	NA	NA	22.38%
Oral Cancer			
Lip , Oral Cavity and Pharynx (h)			
Male - rate per 100,000 population	NA	8.04	11.04
Female - rate per 100,000 population	NA	4.87	4.08
Male - death rate per 100,000 population	NA	NA	3.44
Female - death rate per 100,000 population	NA	NA	1.25
Proportion of cases detected at earliest stage	NA	NA	30.8%
Craniofacial Birth Defects			
Cleft Lip with and without Cleft Palate (i)			
Incidence Rate per 1,000 Live Births	NA	NA	1.35
Tobacco Use			
Middle School Grades 6-8 (j)			
Cigarettes	NA	NA	8.9%
Chewing Tobacco, Snuff, or Dip	NA	NA	2.1%
High School Grades 9-12 (j)			
Cigarettes	NA	NA	18.9%
Chewing Tobacco, Snuff, or Dip	NA	NA	4.5%
Adults 18-64 years (currently using) (k)			
Cigarettes	NA	20.2%	23.3%
Chewing Tobacco/Snuff	NA	7.2%	14.8%
Older Adults 65+ years (currently using) (k)			
Cigarettes	NA	11.8%	9.5%
Chewing Tobacco/Snuff	NA	0.0%	2.1%
ACCESS TO CARE	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
Dental Utilization - Visits to a Dentist/Clinic			
Elementary School Grades K-3 (c)			
within past year	35%	55%	54%
one or more years	35%	27%	27%
never	25%	15%	16%
Middle School Grades 6-8 (j)			
within past year	NA	NA	79.5%
five or more years	NA	NA	1.7%
never	NA	NA	3.1%

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ACCESS TO CARE	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
Dental Utilization - Visits to a Dentist/Clinic			
High School Grades 9-12 (j)			
within past year	NA	NA	76.2%
five or more years	NA	NA	3.4%
never	NA	NA	2.6%
Adults 18-64 (e)			
within past year	NA	69.5%	67.3%
five or more years	NA	7.0%	8.8%
never	NA	1.0%	0.7%
Older Adults 65+ years (e)			
within past year	NA	70.9%	71.2%
five or more years	NA	11.4%	13.4%
never	NA	0.4%	0.5%
Dental Insurance Coverage			
Children 6 - 8 years (c)			
with dental insurance	19%	17%	23%
Adults 18-64 years (l)			
with dental insurance	NA	63.9%	62.0%
Older Adults 65+ years (l)			
with dental insurance	NA	45.8%	40.2%
Oral Health Professionals			
Licensed or Certified (m)			
Dentists	1	442	2,870
Dental Hygienists	NA	417	2,299
Denturists	NA	NA	10
AHCCCS Dentists	NA	157	840
DESIGNATIONS	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
Is community in a Dental HPSA? (n)	NA	NA	NA
COMMUNITY FLUORIDE LEVELS	AJO	PIMA	ARIZONA
For the latest information call your water company	NA	NA	NA

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- a. Population and Ethnicity, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1). Census 2000 includes Rio Rico Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest CDP's for a total population of 10,413. Race alone or in combination with one or more races total to 100%. Hispanics are listed as an ethnic group. Census 2000 reports on Median Household Income from 1999. Families in Poverty and Unemployment Rate: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3). Poverty defined as percent of families with income below poverty (as officially defined by the federal government). Income population under Federal Poverty Level (FPL), Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3).
- b. Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Prevention Services, Office of Oral Health: Arizona Dental Survey of Preschool Children, 1994-1995.
- c. Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Prevention Services, Office of Oral Health: Arizona School Dental Survey, 1999-2003.
- d. Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Prevention Services, Office of Oral Health: Arizona Dental Survey of School Age Children, 1987-1990.
- e. Arizona Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2002. County data represents regions - Region 3 includes Apache, Coconino, & Navajo; Region 4 includes Gila, La Paz, Mohave, & Yavapai; Region 5 includes Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal, Santa Cruz & Yuma.
- f. Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Prevention Services, Office of Oral Health: Dental Survey of Arizona's Senior Adults, 1993.
- g. Special Olympics, Special Smiles. 2000 Special Olympics State Games, Phoenix, Arizona, 2000. Age range of survey participants was 8-69 years.
- h. Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Public Health Statistics, Office of Health Registries, Arizona Cancer Registry, 2001. Oral sites include: Lip; Tongue; Gum; Floor of Mouth; Palate; Parotid Gland; Major Salivary Gland; Tonsil, Oropharynx; Nasopharynx; Pyriform Sinus; Hypopharynx; Other & ill-defined sites in lip oral cavity, and pharynx.
- i. Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Health Registries, 1997 Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program Report.
- j. Arizona Department of Health Services, Tobacco Education and Prevention Program, 2003 Arizona Youth Tobacco Survey.
- k. Arizona Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Cigarette use, 2003; chewing tobacco/snuff 2002. County data represents regions - Region 3 includes Apache, Coconino, & Navajo; Region 4 includes Gila, La Paz, Mohave, & Yavapai; Region 5 includes Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal, Santa Cruz & Yuma.
- l. Arizona Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2003. County data represents regions - Region 3 includes Apache, Coconino, & Navajo; Region 4 includes Gila, La Paz, Mohave, & Yavapai; Region 5 includes Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal, Santa Cruz & Yuma.
- m. Arizona Board of Dental Examiners: number of licensed dentists with an Arizona practice address; number of licensed Dental Hygienists with an Arizona address; number of certified Denturists: June 2004. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS): number of dentists who submitted a claim during fiscal year 2003: September 30, 2003.
- n. Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Prevention Services, Office of Health Systems Development: Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSA) designations, 2004.

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